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Small District¹ Funding Waivers for Community Day Schools

The Legislature recognized that smaller school districts may have difficulty operating Community Day Schools with the statutory funding formulas. To address this concern, *Education Code* section 48664(d) provides that any school district with fewer than 2,501 units of average daily attendance may request a Superintendent's waiver of the statutory funding limitations for Community Day Schools (as provided in *Education Code* section 48664(a)). Under the waiver, the district is eligible for special small school funding which provides a block grant amount to permit the operation of a Community Day School of reasonably comparable quality to those offered in larger districts.

A district granted a waiver of the funding formula for a Community Day School pursuant to subdivision (d) of *Education Code* section 48664 will, for the school year for which the waiver is granted, be allocated the amount provided for one teacher pursuant to *Education Code* section 42284, except that the California Department of Education will proportionally reduce the amount by 1/180 for each day fewer than 180 that the school is in session during the year as a whole.

For the 2002-2003 school year, the waiver amount is \$84,800. **This amount replaces base revenue funding.** In addition to the waiver amount, districts operating a Community Day School under a funding waiver receive 5th and 6th hour supplemental funding (*Education Code* section 48664(a)) as well as funding for additional 7th and 8th hour supervised attendance following the student's completion of the full six-hour instructional day (*Education Code* section 48664(c)).

Applying for a Small District Funding Waiver

In order to apply for a Small District Funding waiver, districts must submit the following documents:

- a completed “**Request for Small District Funding (Superintendent's) Waiver for Community Day Schools;**”
- a description of the Community Day School program, as provided in the document, “**Request for Description of Community Day School;**”
- the most recent **School Accountability Report Card** for the Community Day School issued by the governing board of the district as required by *Education Code* sections 35256 and 33126, and
- a **letter from the County Superintendent of Schools**, stating that the operation of the Community Day School is consistent with the county-district collaborative plan for serving expelled pupils, and that, for this reason, the County Superintendent recommends

¹ *Education Code* section 48667(a) states that, for the purposes of Article 3. Community Day Schools, “each county office of education shall be deemed to be a school district.”

approval of the requested waiver. (The school districts may have the County Office of Education send this letter, with an original signature, directly to CDE).

NOTE: Consistent with *Education Code* section 48926, which provides for countywide plans for providing services for expelled students, the district should provide copies of the Community Day School program description and the School Accountability Report Card to the County Office of Education, as part of the district's request for this letter.

According to *Education Code* section 48664(d), **small district funding waivers are for “any fiscal year.”** Therefore, your period of request should be July 1 - June 30 of the year for which you are requesting a funding waiver. **These waivers are subject to annual renewal.**

Submission of Funding Waiver Request

Please direct your waiver request, as well as any questions, to:

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